

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 1180 - HB 1176**

March 9, 2001

#### **SUMMARY OF BILL:**

- Requires the Department of Education to establish a program for upgrading discarded computers and providing those computers to public schools for use by students.
- Requires the department to develop a program for receiving donations from private entities and public agencies of computers intended for discard or disposal.
- Requires the program to provide for the upgrading, repair and refurbishment of those computers for which such reconditioning is appropriate subject to available funding.
- Authorizes the Commissioner of Education to enter into an interagency agreement with the Department of Correction for the refurbishment of computers by inmates if such services would be appropriate and beneficial to the program.
- Requires the Commissioner of Education to determine the number of computers to be upgraded each year to provide students with a computer. Subject to the availability of funding, the commissioner will strive to provide upgraded computers as needed in all schools in the state by August 1, 2005.

Current law authorizes the Commissioner of General Services, in consultation with the Information Systems Council, with the approval of the Governor and the Commissioner of Education, to transfer surplus computer equipment to local education agencies, without financial consideration.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

##### **Increase State Expenditures - Less than \$100,000**

Assumes local education agencies will continue to utilize surplus computer equipment that is considered suitable for educational purposes at no cost to them.

To the extent the Commissioner of Education secures the services of inmates at correctional facilities to perform the reconditioning of the computers and the state purchases computer parts, tools and other necessary items necessary for the refurbishment, state expenditures are estimated to increase. Such increase would depend upon the number and condition of these computers and the cost of parts and cannot be determined but is estimated to be less than \$100,000.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director